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SUBJ: GOK OFFICIAL REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID ON ENTEBBE AIRPORT

REF: KUWAIT 3118

1. DURING REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JULY 11, KUWAIT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DISCUSSED ISRAELI RAID TO FREE HIJACKED AIRLINE PASSENGERS AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT. MINISTER OF STATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS, ABDUL AZIZ HUSAYN, LATER ANNOUNCED THAT "GOK DENOUNCED THE ZIONIST PIRACY AND VIOLATION OF THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE INDEPENDENT, PEACEFUL UGANDA. THE ISRAELI ACTION IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS INTERNATIONAL PRECEDENT."

2. COMMENT: RELATIVELY LOW-KEY GOK REACTION IS SIGNIFICANT IN ITS STRESS ON THE DANGER THAT ENTEBBE INCIDENT WILL ESTABLISH PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE ANTI-HIJACKING MILITARY ACTION BY ISRAELIS, OR PERHAPS OTHERS. FOREMOST IN
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KUWAITI MINDS IS FEAR THAT ONE DAY KUWAIT, WHICH IN THE

PAST WAS THE SCENE OF SEVERAL ATTEMPTED OR ACTUAL
LANDINGS OF HIJACKED AIRCRAFT, WILL BE ON RECEIVING END
OF ISRAELI RAID. SEVERAL HIGH LEVEL GOK OFFICIALS
HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT U.S. DECISION
TO CONGRATULATE ISRAEL ON OPERATION, WITHOUT MENTION
OF ITS ILLEGALITY OR LOSS OF OTHER LIVES, COULD WELL
ENCOURAGE USE OF ENTEBBE RAID AS JUSTIFICATION FOR
A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL SPECTACULARS.
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